Iriends! Get involved today! get outside, learn new things, and make new land management. Volunteering is a great way to of visitors, developed trails, and assisted with volunteers have educated thousands vital to our success! EEL Dedicated volunteers are

Lending a Hand

throughout the year for all ages. offer a variety of programs and events Three Management & Education Centers a presentation, or do a family activity?

Learning in Nature

Environmentally

ENDANGERED

LANDS

PROGRAM

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prescribed fire are much less likely to burn

Areas that have been managed through

when wildfires occur.

weather conditions to

It is often necessary to

conducted under specific

state. Prescribed fire is only

restore a habitat to a healthy

conduct a prescribed fire to

protect neighboring homes.

Want to go on a guided hike, attend

endangered species! that are home to over 130 acres, including 21 habitats preserved over 20,000

· Horseback riding Bird watching . guilbbs9. -Biking - Hiking

What You Can Do —

educational centers, and much more. platforms, interpretive trail signs, guided tours) resources include trails, boardwalks, overlook of the EEL Program. Passive recreation connect with nature is an important goal Providing opportunities to enjoy and

· Nature photography

· Wildlife observation

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What To Do

threatened and decision regarding whether or not County Commissioners makes the final acquisition, then the Brevard County Board of conservation criteria and the SMC approves (SMC). If the property meets established The EEL Program has by an expert scientific advisory committee land. Willing-seller properties are reviewed

removed and native habitats Invasive non-native species are

natural fire and water cycles.

Management

managed to re-create

Lands are carefully

restrict private land rights or condemn program that does not control or The EEL Program is a 'willing-seller'

to Buy? To Buy or Not

restored.

natural resources. stewardship of Brevard County's diversity through responsible protect and preserve biological The mission of the EEL Program is to

to buy the property.

EEL Program Overview

Nature W Sanctuaries of the Brevard **County EEL Program**



Map Inside...

Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program

Conservation Lands Work For You!

Conservation lands work for the **ENVIRONMENT** by

- preserving biodiversity
- providing the wild places that wildlife, including threatened and endangered species, need
- moderating our climate



Conservation lands work for the INDIAN RIVER LAGOON by

- enriching commercial and game fish populations
- enhancing water quality and the health of the entire ecosystem
- offering public access to Lagoon waters providing the tranquility of an
- undeveloped shoreline

Conservation lands work for

- CLEAN AIR AND SAFE WATER by allowing for natural water filtration
- providing aquifer recharge areas
- facilitating stormwater runoff
- management using lands for flood control
- filtering pollutants from the air

Conservation lands work for the

ECONOMY by

- building eco-tourism increasing property values
- improving quality of life, which attracts new businesses

Conservation lands work for **EDUCATION** by

- providing a living classroom for study trips, adult education, summer camps, and family outings
- enhancing teacher training opportunities creating research opportunities for local
- providing career education and volunteer
- opportunities
- inspiring people of all ages

Conservation lands work for RECREATION by

- offering over 60 miles of trails, overlooks, boardwalks, and water access
- providing opportunities for hiking, biking, horseback riding, paddling, fishing, nature photography, wildlife observation, and more...
- encouraging family fun and quality time
- granting stress relief and solitude



opportunities abound at EFS! training - educational and volunteer trips, research projects, and teacher With its ideal arrangement for visitors, field

accessibility. trail with a stabilized surface for universal Enchanted Crossing, an interpretive nature award-winning butterfly garden, and the a screened porch, an outdoor amphitheater,

Management and Education Center The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

shop, library, and restrooms. Also featured is interpretive exhibits, a Discovery Room, gift

located in south Titusville. The EFS includes

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary (EFS) is



universal access features. frips, community events, and showcases Center provides volunteer programs, study land management, and public access. Each regional hubs for environmental education, Management and Education Centers serve as

programs for all ages. to provide quality environmental education groups, local organizations, and volunteers The EEL Program works closely with school

participate. of all ages, interest, and abilities a chance to of opportunities and schedules provide people Sanctuaries throughout the county. A variety and land management activities on Volunteers assist with recreation, education,

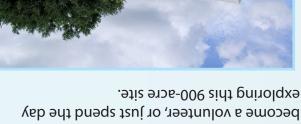


House! Participate in a community program, Archeology and history come alive at Sams

(from mastodons to Native Americans to walking trail. Exhibits interpret the history been restored complete with interactive Brevard County. The 1875 Sams Cabin has Come inside the oldest standing home in Island Conservation Area in Merritt Island. State Road 3 at the south end of the Pine The Sams House at Pine Island is located off

Education Center/Sams House





pioneers) and ecology of Merritt Island. exhibits both inside and along a short paved

The Pine Island Management and





the risk of wildfire. opens up feeding areas for widlife and reduces habitat has become severely overgrown. This Reduction of vegetation is required when the

of the above. hyrdological restoration, and/or a combination exotics, vegetation reduction, prescribed fire, original state. This may involve removal of use a variety of tools to restore a habitat to its healthy are interrupted, land managers must When the natural cycles that keep habitats What is Restoration?

> We Answered! You asked...

events.

summer camps, turtle walks, and special

be! Educational adventures include study trips,

With interactive exhibits and access to habitats

from ocean to lagoon, the BIC is the place to

animals and the beauty and diversity of the

each year. The Center showcases these unique

nesting site of tens of thousands of sea turtles

the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge - the

south Melbourne Beach, within the heart of

Management and Education Center

The Barrier Island Sanctuary

The Barrier Island Center (BIC) is located in

eary Eugene Howell

Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Recreational Trails

